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Services are held every **Saturday Afternoon** at the **Wharncliffe Rooms, Hotel Great Central, Marylebone Road** (entrance in Harewood Place), **at 3.30 p.m.**; and at the **London County Council School, Commercial Street, E.** (near Toynbee Hall), **at 4 p.m.** The Services are mainly conducted in English, and last about an hour and a quarter. Congregational singing is encouraged by the use of hymns, which are mostly in English. There is a volunteer choir, and at the West End Services there is an organ. Men and women sit together.

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The papers will in each case be signed by their respective writers, who will alone be responsible for them. They will discuss various subjects of moment and grave concern to Jewish readers, especially those which may be more conveniently and cogently treated in a pamphlet than in a sermon. The papers will deal frankly but reverently with some of those problems which confront our religion and religion generally at the present time, but their authors will not necessarily all treat of these subjects from quite the same point of view. Having regard to the constant advance in human knowledge, there can be neither finality nor infallibility in opinion. We have never aimed at absolute uniformity of thought in our pulpit; we do not desire it in our publications.

It is also in contemplation to issue from time to time, in addition to these papers, leaflets of a simpler nature, suited for younger readers, and calculated to arouse their interest in their religion and history.

With regard to the general aim and purpose of our publications, they will be identical with those which have actuated our services and addresses—to help in making Judaism a more vital and effective religious force among those who are of the Jewish race and bear the Jewish name.

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